

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.382**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Workers' Compensation - Disability Payments		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 382 would amend the calculation for determining disability payments, delete the prohibition of a lump sum disability award, and provide that a totally and permanently disabled employee shall receive disability benefits for life.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Workers' Compensation Commission

The Commission reports this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

State Accident Fund

The Agency estimates this Bill will increase workers' compensation claims costs that will translate into an increase in premiums (paid by governmental entities) due to an expansion of benefits. Premiums are paid by state agencies from State General Funds as well as Federal and Other Funds. The specific costs are difficult to estimate due to a number of other factors that impact the ultimate cost of workers' compensation claims.

Second Injury Fund

The Fund reports this Bill may have a minimal cost to the Uninsured Employers' Fund due to an increase in workers' compensation claims costs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Local government would be impacted to the same extent as State agencies.

Approved by:



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